

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Dr. Miami Beach, FL 33139
305-673-7080



February 4, 2004 – February 22, 2004

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The North Beach Recreational Corridor project will provide enhanced beachfront access to the residents and tourists along an existing public easement that runs between the beaches and the upland hotels, condominiums and businesses throughout the project area.

An environmental assessment has been conducted and as a result, it has been determined that the proposed project is compatible with the urban setting of the project area and does fully conform to the local Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances. It has also been determined that the project will have no significant impacts of historical properties, cultural resources or Community demographics, facilities or services. Information collected in conjunction with this review produced the conclusion that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or natural environment. Therefore, the City of Miami Beach has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Department of Public Works, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139, Attn: Environmental Resource Division. All comments must be received by February 27, 2004. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Miami Beach certifies to HUD that Mr. Bob Halfhill in his capacity as Assistant Public Works Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Miami Beach to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Miami Beach's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever occurs later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Miami Beach; (b) the City of Miami Beach has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Miami Field Office, Brickell Plaza Federal Building, 909 SE. First Avenue, Room 500, Miami, Florida 33131-3028, Attention: Al Cazzoli, Field Environmental Officer. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bob Halfhill, Assistant Public Works Director
Certifying Officer